

# *City of Milton-Freewater*

## **Press Release FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

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The City of Milton-Freewater is pleased to announce that following a recent comprehensive survey and inspection of the City's fire protection, water utility infrastructure and emergency dispatch services by the ISO, the City's "Public Protection Classification Rating" was improved from a 4 to a 3.

The ISO is a national organization charged with rating the fire suppression delivery system supplied by cities on a scale of 1 to 9, which the rating of 1 being perfect (and rarely if ever, achieved). This rating is then commonly used by insurance company underwriters in determining business and personal insurance coverages, rates and prices.

The city's rating of a "3" is indicative of a very high functioning fire suppression delivery system and therefore, conceivably a lower insurance risk for insurance companies to offer coverage for.

Milton Freewater's improved rating of a 3 is a direct result of the information gathered during the on-site inspection and quality of our resources at the time of the survey.

Taking the lead on the project for the city was Fire Chief Shane Garner, who received assistance from Public Works Superintendent Dave Bradshaw, Public Works Technician Brian Steadman, Police Chief Doug Boedigheimer and Emergency Communications Services Lead Luz Garcia. This was the accumulation of over 10 years of work and consistent dedication to improvements to the City's infrastructure and volunteer fire fighting corp.

Chief Garner is quoted as saying "This was my goal when I first came to Milton Freewater and I am so excited to see the City receive this high of an ISO rating---I want to thank the Council for their continued support of improvement to our City's fire department, water utility and dispatch services that made this possible."

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